

SENATE BILL 3598
By Person, Curtis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,
Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to adoption.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (38) and substituting instead the following:

(38) "Parental rights" means the legally recognized rights and responsibilities to act as a parent, to care for, to name, and to claim custodial rights with respect to a child; provided, guardians who have received a guardianship in relation to a child as particularly specified in § 36-1-102(24)(C) possess parental rights in relation to the child and the legal parents, until such time, if ever, the guardianship is terminated by court, shall possess the remaining rights referred to in § 36-1-113(m), §36-1-102(38), and § 37-1-140, which remaining rights are rights equivalent to the rights of a progenitor who is not the legal parent of the subject child;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.